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In response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 1998, please amend this application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 16, 18, 20 and 24; and add new claim 45 as follows:

1. (Amended) A currency authenticator having a plurality of sensitivity settings

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a first characteristic detector retrieving first characteristic information from a bill to be authenticated and generating [an] a corresponding output signal;

means for selecting one of a plurality of sensitivity settings;

means for storing reference information associated with each of said sensitivity settings; and

means for comparing said output signal to said reference information associated with the one of said plurality of sensitivity settings selected by said means for selecting; and means

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